

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Berger et al.

Application No. 09/936,702

Filed: September 13, 2001

Confirmation No. 9274

For: A NOVEL CHIMERIC PROTEIN FOR
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF
HIV INFECTION

Examiner: Robert A. Zeman

Art Unit: 1645

Attorney Reference No. 4239-60771-01

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as being attached or enclosed herewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450,
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Attorney or Agent
for Applicant(s)



Date Mailed January 17, 2006

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This responds to the Office action dated September 16, 2005. A three-month period of reply was set, making a response do on or before December 16, 2005. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response accompanies this Amendment, along with the appropriate fee, now making the response due on or before January 16, 2006. As January 16, 2006, falls on a federal holiday, the response is due January 17, 2006. It is believed that no additional fee is required. However, if any fees are required in connection with filing this Amendment, please charge to the deposit account on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 and ends with a brief **Conclusion** on page 8.

01/20/2006 HDESTA1 00000025 09936702

01 FC:1251

120.00 0P